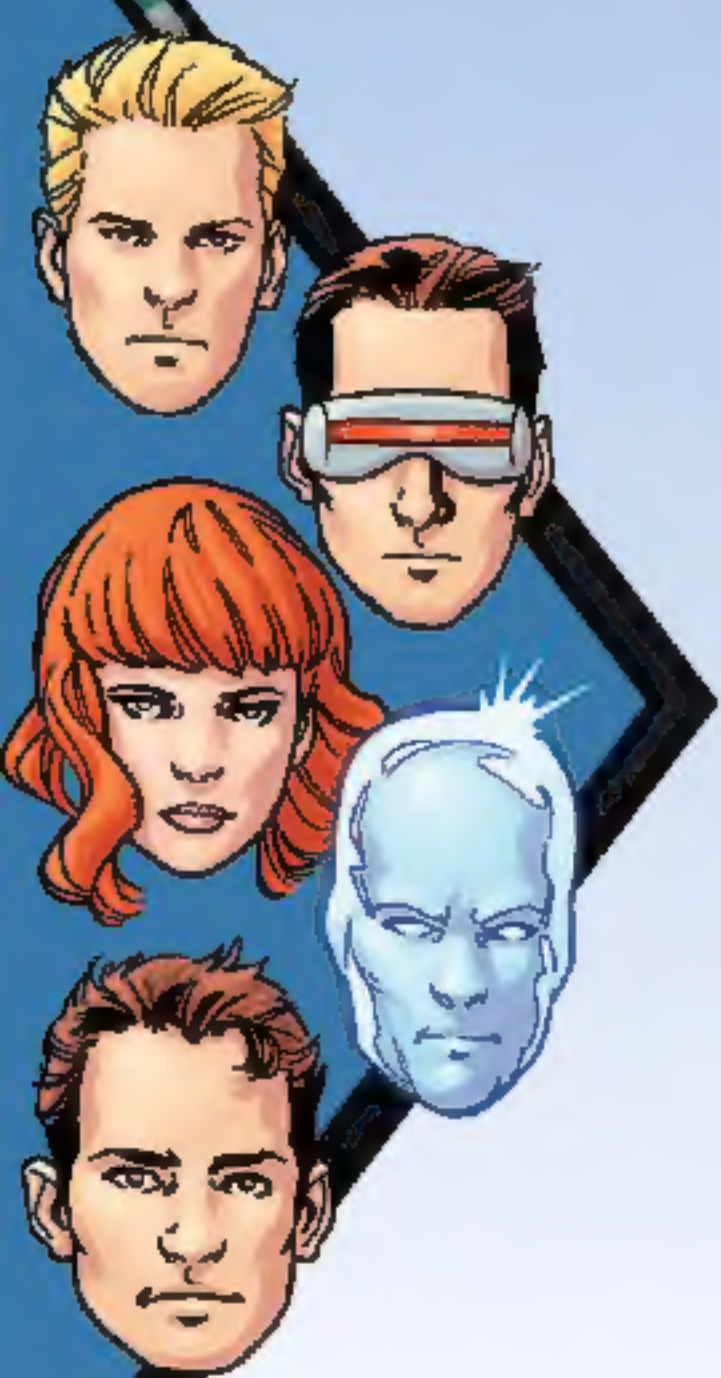


MARVEL



X-MEN

BLUE

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BUNN
MOLINA
MILLA
RAMOS



X-MEN

BLUE

THE ORIGINAL X-MEN--MARVEL GIRL, CYCLOPS, ICEMAN, ANGEL AND BEAST--WERE DISPLACED IN TIME AND BROUGHT TO OUR PRESENT. UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR FORMER ARCHENEMY NOW TURNED ALLY, MAGNETO, AND JOINED BY ALTERNATE UNIVERSE REFUGEES BLOODSTORM AND JIMMY HUDSON, THEY WILL SHOW THE WORLD THAT THEY ARE THE HEROES THEY WERE ALWAYS MEANT TO BE.

PREVIOUSLY IN *X-MEN BLUE*...

WITH JEAN GREY, CYCLOPS, ANGEL, BEAST, AND ICEMAN OFF-WORLD, MAGNETO HAS RALLIED THE REMAINING X-MEN AGAINST HIS MANY ENEMIES: JIMMY HUDSON AND BLOODSTORM FOLLOW A LEAD IN THE MOJAVE DESERT WHILE MAGNETO CONFRONTS SEBASTIAN SHAW AT THE HELLFIRE CLUB'S LONDON LOCATION.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THEIR MADRIPOOR HEADQUARTERS, POLARIS HAS BECOME POSSESSED BY THE PERSONA OF MALICE...

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**LONDON, ENGLAND.
THE HELLFIRE CLUB.**

ASK
YOURSELF,
MAGNETO...WHY
DO YOU STAND
AGAINST
US?

MOTHERVINE
WILL GIVE
YOU **EVERYTHING**
YOU'VE EVER
WANTED.

MUTANTS
WILL INHERIT
THE WORLD.

THEY'LL NO
LONGER BE
HATED...NO LONGER
OPPRESSED...
NO LONGER
HUNTED.

SHAW...
THIS POWER OF
YOURS...THERE
WILL BE A PRICE
TO PAY.

THIS IS
WHAT YOU'VE
FOUGHT
FOR.

UNLESS,
OF COURSE,
IT'S ONLY THE
FIGHT THAT
MATTERS.

ARE YOU
SO CONSUMED
BY YOUR OWN HUBRIS
THAT YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'D DO IF
YOU ACTUALLY
WON?

DON'T
WORRY.

YOU WON'T LIVE LONG
ENOUGH TO SEE THE
ASCENSION OF
MUTANTKIND.



MOJAVE
DESERT.

I ONLY
WISH...TO
BE LEFT IN
PEACE.

AFRAID NOT,
XORN. TOAD,
GUARDIAN, ARMOR AND
MYSELF HAVE BEEN
SENT TO RECRUIT
YOU.

THERE ARE
BIG CHANGES ON
THE HORIZON--CHANGES
THAT WILL RUB A GOOD
MANY PEOPLE THE
WRONG WAY.

THE HUMANS
AREN'T GOING
TO GIVE UP THEIR
SPOT ON THE FOOD
CHAIN WITHOUT
A FIGHT.

LISTEN TO
MACH 2, XORN.
THIS IS THE BIG
TIME, MAN. IT'S
WHAT YOU ALWAYS
WANTED.

THEN I
WOULD SUGGEST
THAT THIS COURSE
OF ACTION--IF IT
INEVITABLY LEADS
TO WAR--IS
UNWISE.

THE PEOPLE
BEHIND THE CURTAIN
ON THIS ARE THE REAL
DEAL. **THE WHITE
QUEEN'S** EVEN
WITH THEM.

I KNOW
YOU'VE GOT
A LITTLE BAD
BLOOD WITH
HER...

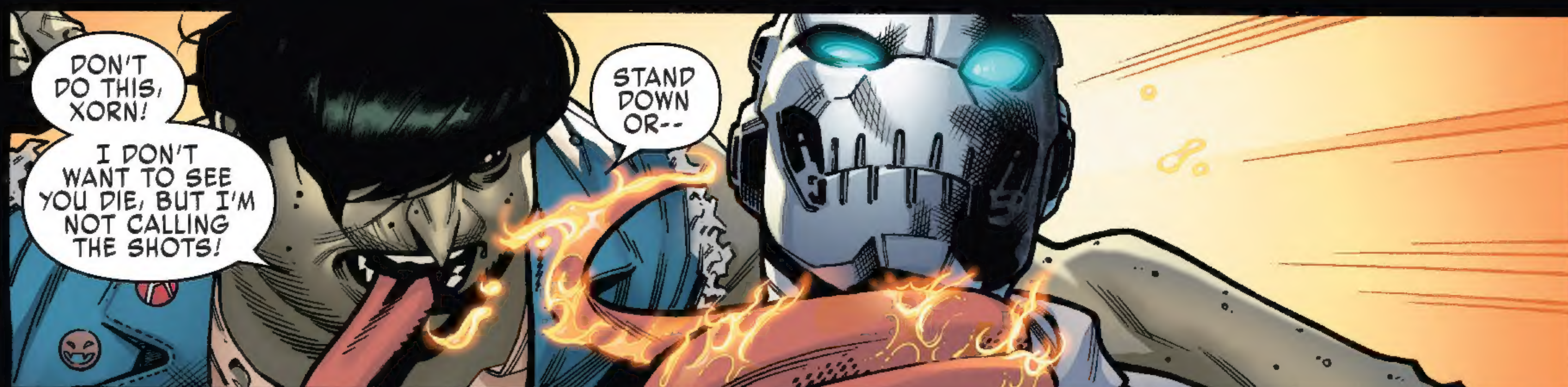
...BUT CAN'T
YOU PUT THAT
ASIDE FOR THE
SAKE OF MUTANT
SUPREMACY?

I'M SORRY...
BUT WHO DO
YOU THINK
I AM?

IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHO
YOU ARE.

THE ONLY
THING THAT MATTERS
IS THE **CHOICE** YOU
MAKE RIGHT
NOW.

YOU DON'T
COME WITH US,
YOU'RE GONNA DIE
OUT HERE IN THE
DESERT.





ALL OF
YOU--BACK
OFF!



JIMMY HUDSON--
THE ONE WHO
GOT AWAY!

I KNEW
WE'D MEET UP
AGAIN SOONER
OR LATER!

I'M
SO GLAD,
TOO.

MISS
SINISTER MAY
HAVE CAST YOU
ASIDE, BUT I'M FAR
FROM DONE
WITH YOU!



THE X-MEN TOLD ME
ABOUT YOU.

YOU
DON'T BELONG
IN THIS
WORLD.

YOU'RE
ONE TO TALK,
BLOODSTORM!
YOU'RE THE VAMPIRE
FROM ANOTHER
REALITY!



**MADRIDPOOR.
THE X-MANSION.**



I MUST SAY, THIS IS A SURPRISE.

MISS SINISTER SENT ME HOME WITH THE X-MEN...



...HOPING I'D HAVE THE CHANCE TO POSSESS JEAN GREY.

FOR A KID, SHE PROVED FAR MORE RESISTANT TO MY CHARMS THAN I EXPECTED.

BUT YOU, POLARIS... YOU'LL DO QUITE NICELY.

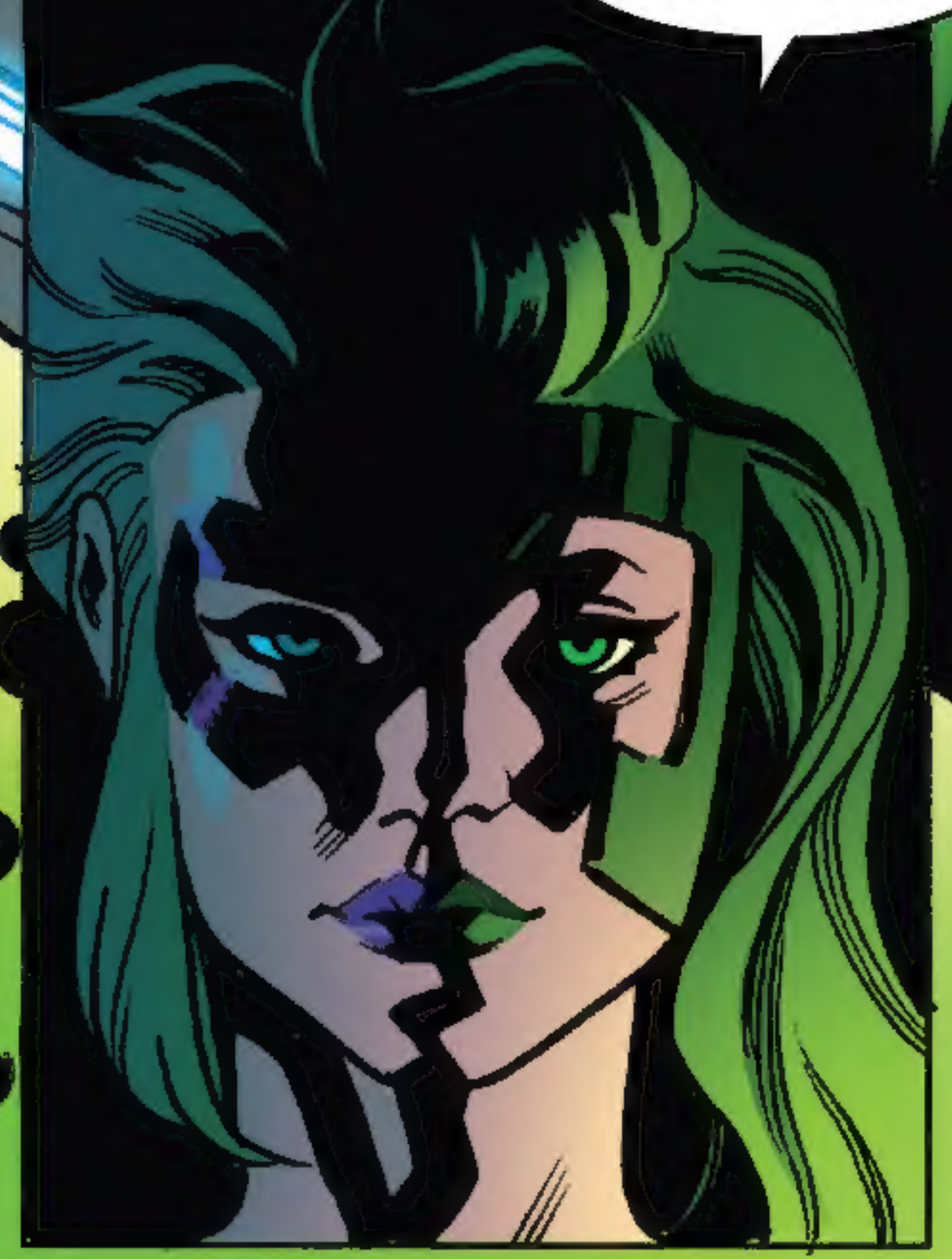


YOU'VE MET A VERSION OF MALICE FROM THIS WORLD, HAVEN'T YOU?

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IN MY UNIVERSE I EVER HAD THE PLEASURE.

BUT SUSCEPTIBILITY IS SUSCEPTIBILITY.

NOW... LET'S DO WHAT I CAME HERE TO DO...



"...AND RAISE A LITTLE HELL."

DO YOU FEEL THAT?
A SLIGHT SHIFT IN THE PRESSURE OF--

WHOOOOOM!

THE RAKSHA HAVE
BEEN BETRAYED,
HEXADECIMAL.

THE
DAUGHTER OF
MAGNETO--

WE SHOULD
HAVE EXPECTED
THIS, WHISPER
DOLL!

I NEVER
TRUSTED X-MEN
THE WAY THE
REST OF YOU
DID!

THEY WORK
WITH MAGNETO--
ONE OF PATCH'S
GREATEST FOES!

LOOKS
LIKE THE X-MEN
AREN'T HOME
RIGHT NOW.

BUT
THEY'VE LEFT ME
SOME PLAYTHINGS
TO ENTERTAIN
ME.

AND
ISN'T THAT
CUTE--

SHRANKT!

--METAL
WEAPONS!



POLARIS!
OVER HERE!

I DON'T
KNOW WHY YOU
HAVE ATTACKED
US.

BUT I KNOW
A **CRUSHING**
BURDEN WEIGHS
UPON YOUR
SPIRIT.

NOW, THROUGH
MY GAZE, YOUR
REMORSE AND
SORROW, YOUR REGRET
AND SELF-DOUBT,
BECOME
UNBEARABLE.

I AM
SORRY THAT
I MUST INFLICT
SUCH MISERY
UPON YOU.

GAZING
NIGHTSHADE,
RIGHT?

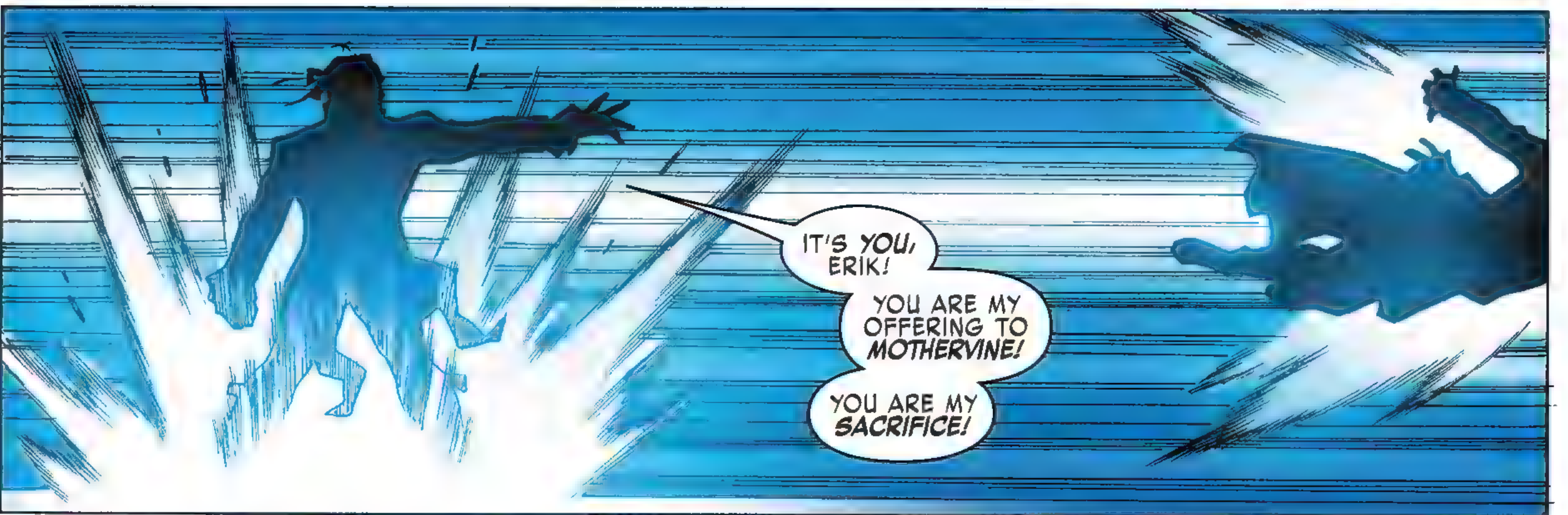
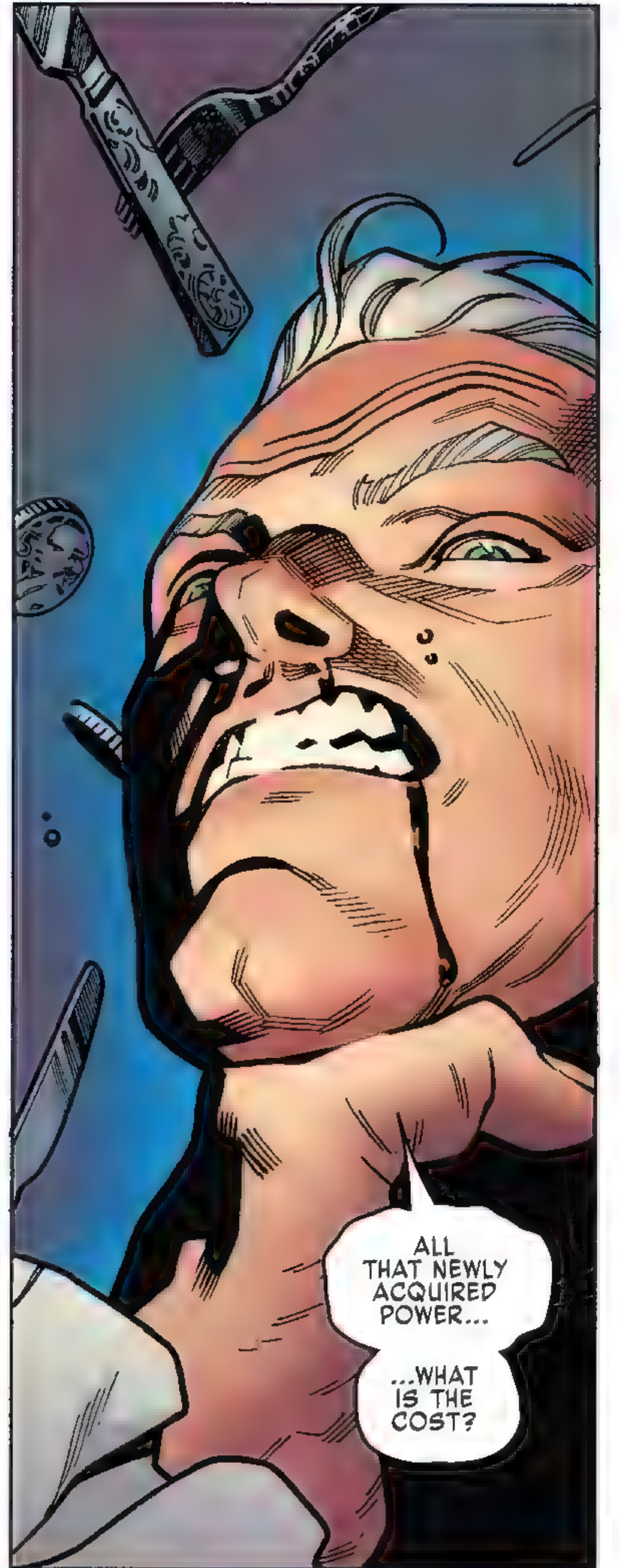
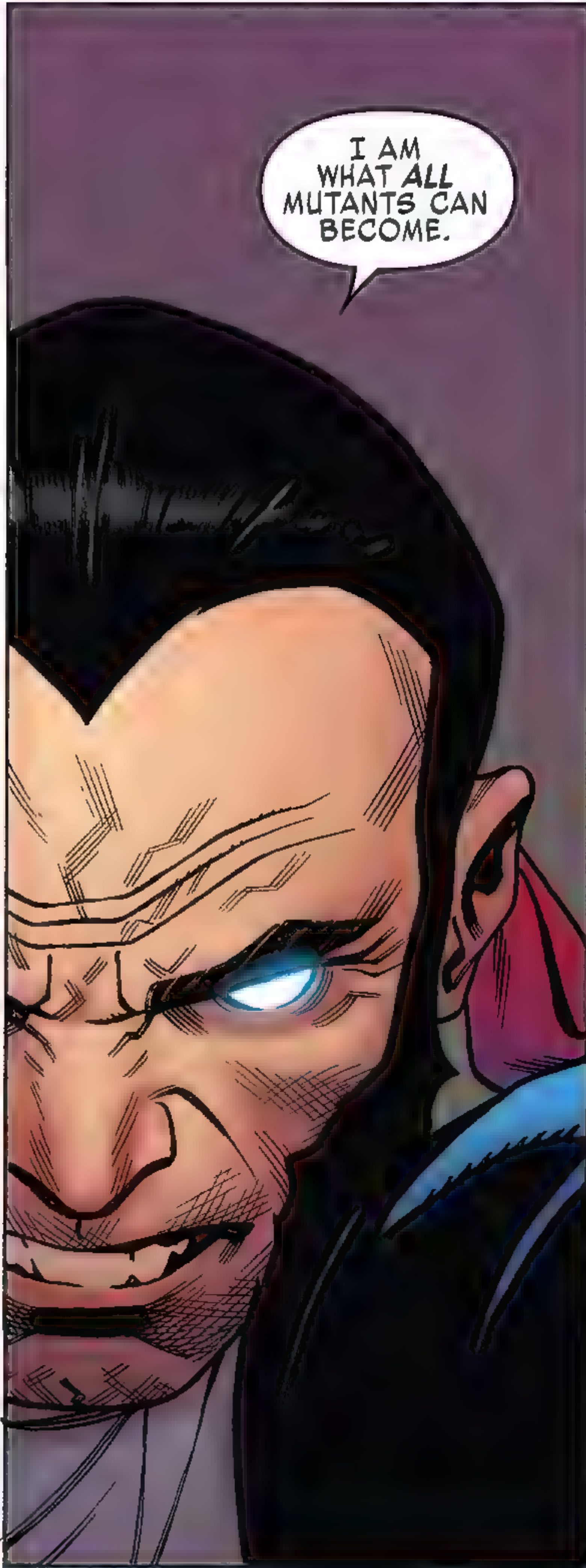
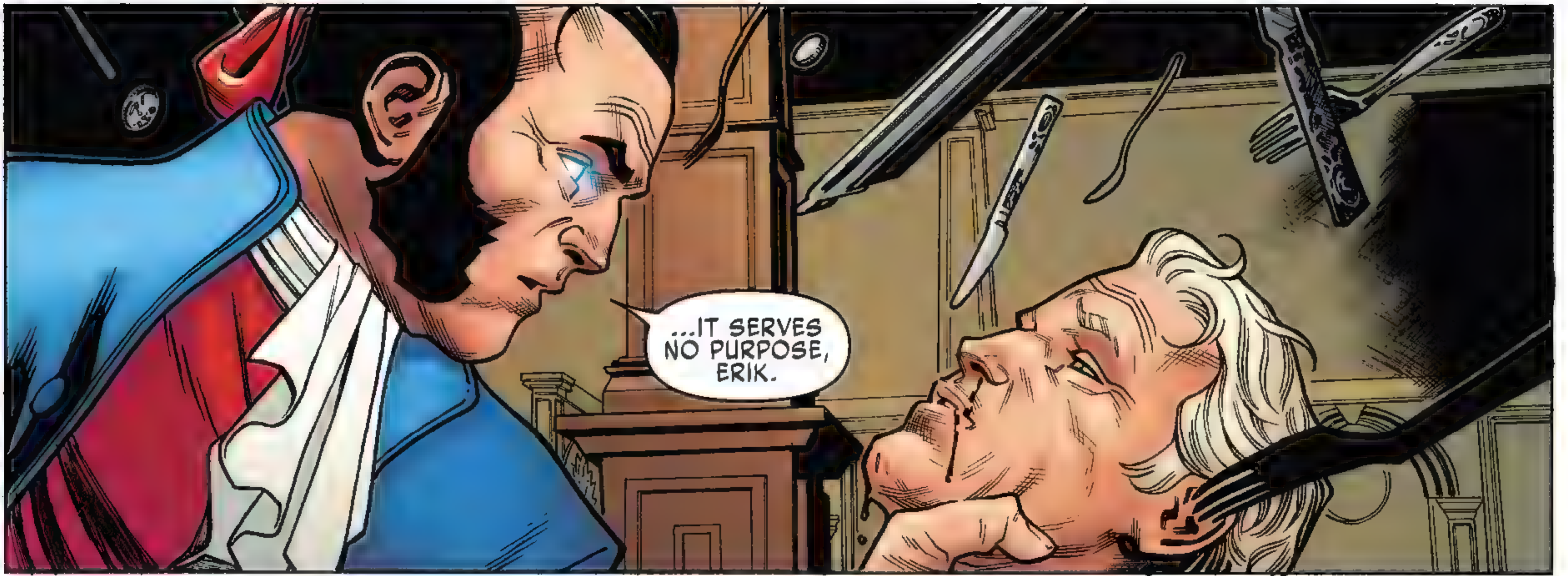
YOU'RE
BARKING UP
THE WRONG
MUTANT.

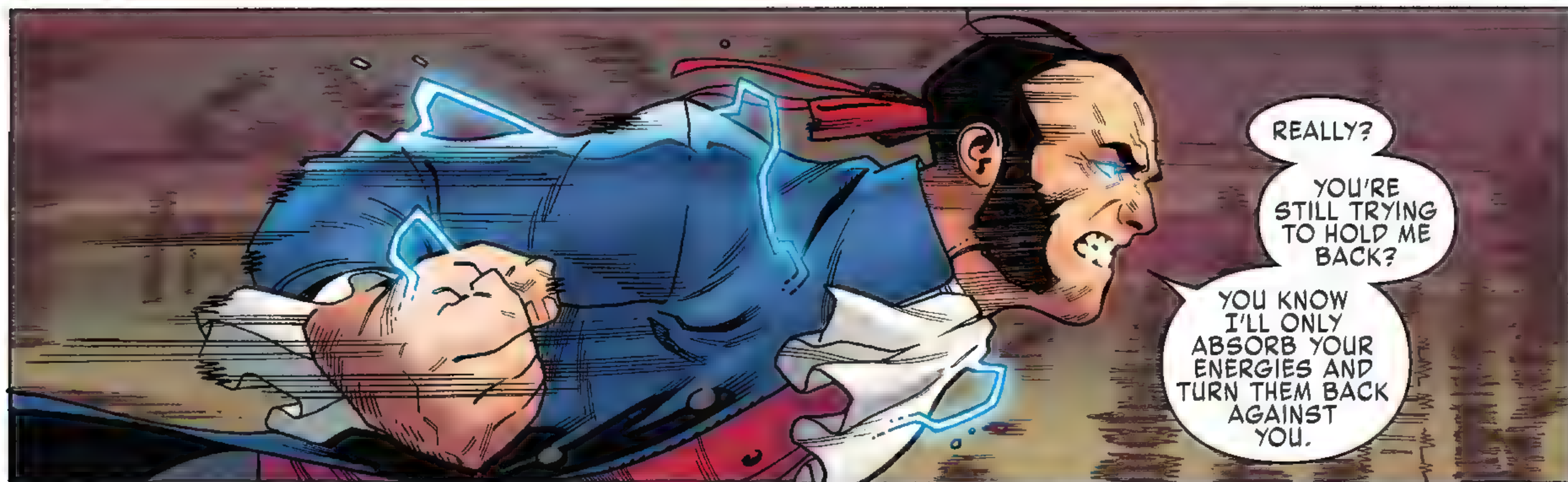
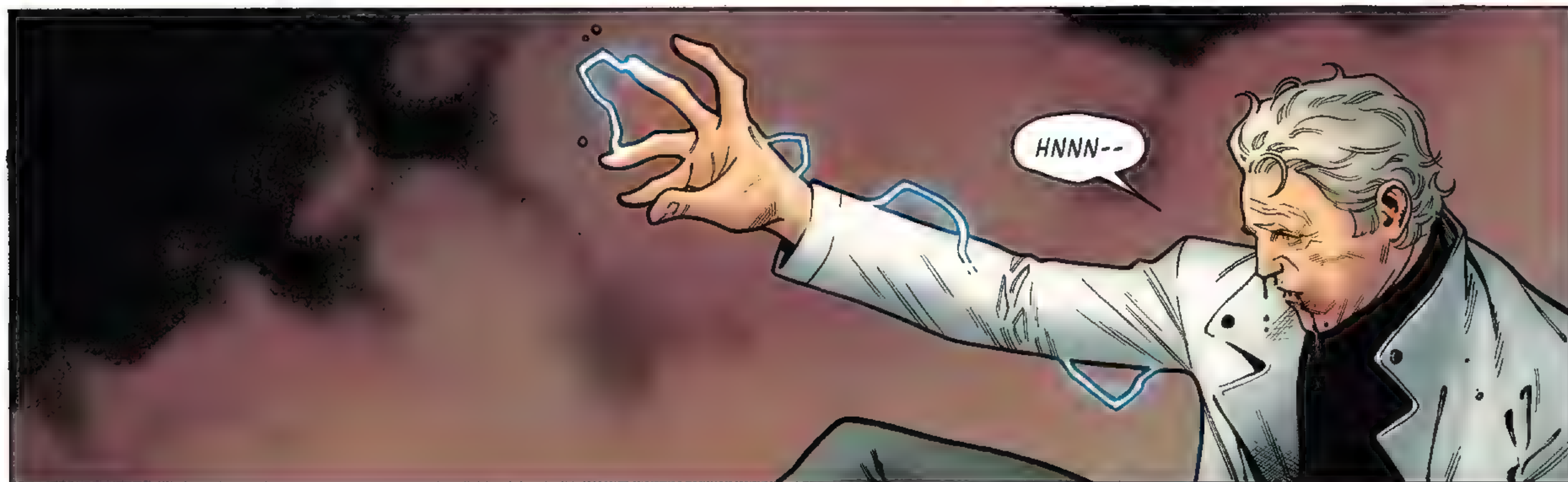
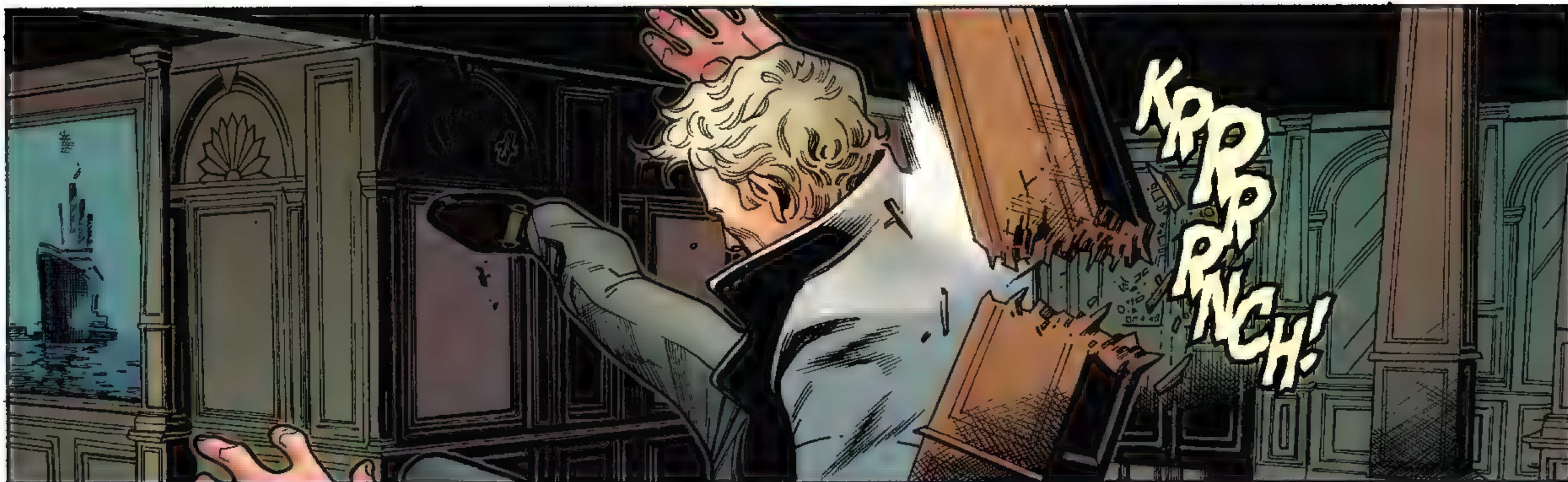
I NO
LONGER FEEL
REGRET OR SELF-
PITY OR
SADNESS.

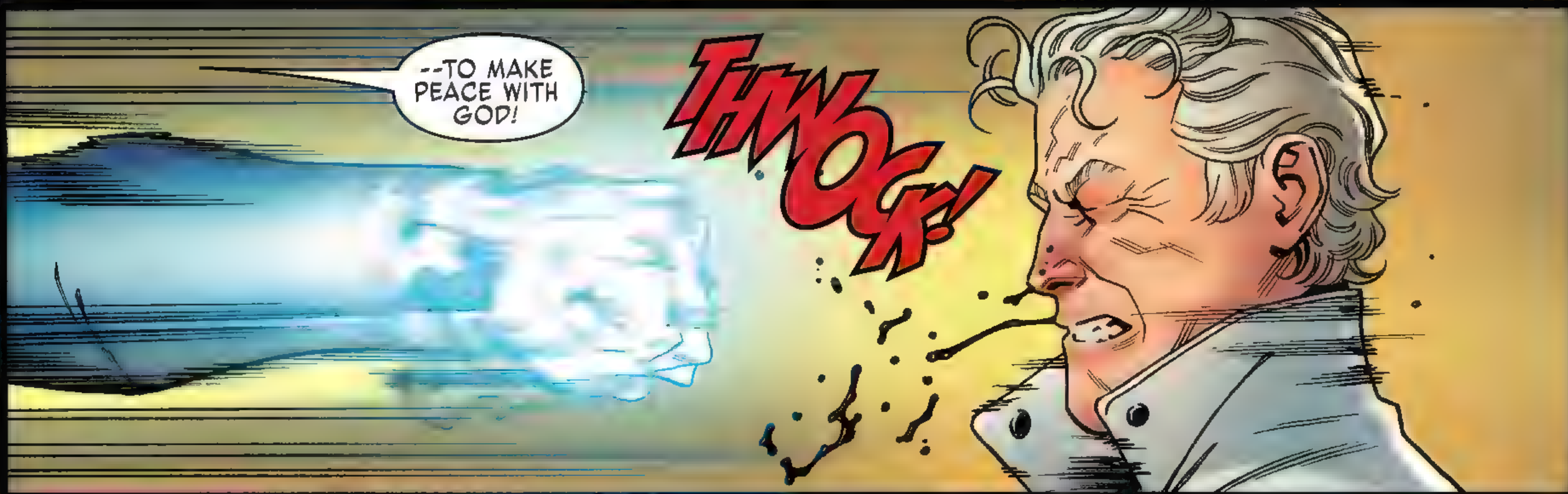
I FEEL
ONLY--

--MALICE!

"CEASE YOUR
STRUGGLING..."







--TO MAKE
PEACE WITH
GOD!

THWOK!



BUT IF
YOU'RE DETERMINED
TO STRUGGLE AGAINST
THE INEVITABLE, WHY
SHOULD I RUSH TO
END YOU?

YOU
DESERVE
TO SUFFER,
MAGNETO.

YOU
DESERVE TO SUFFER FOR HOW
YOU'VE LIED
TO--



WH-WHAT?



NO!

NO NO
NO!

WHAT IS
THIS?

WHAT IS
HAPPENING?



I CAN
FEEL IT...
BUT IT CAN'T
BE!

M-MY
POWERS...
DRAINING...

...ABSORBING
KINETIC
ENERGY...

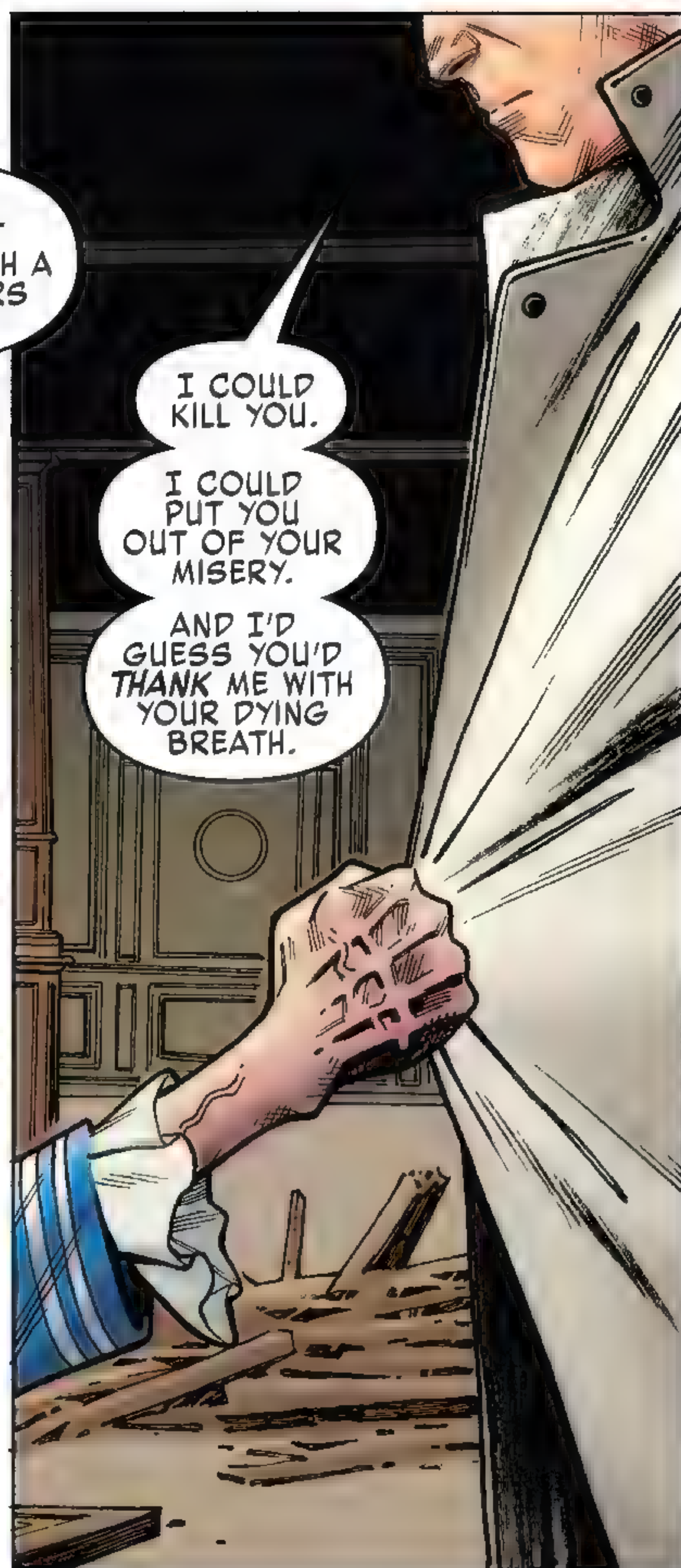


...FROM MY CELLS?!

THIS, SEBASTIAN--
THIS--IS WHY I STAND AGAINST YOU.

THESE NEW MUTATIONS ARE **UNSTABLE.**

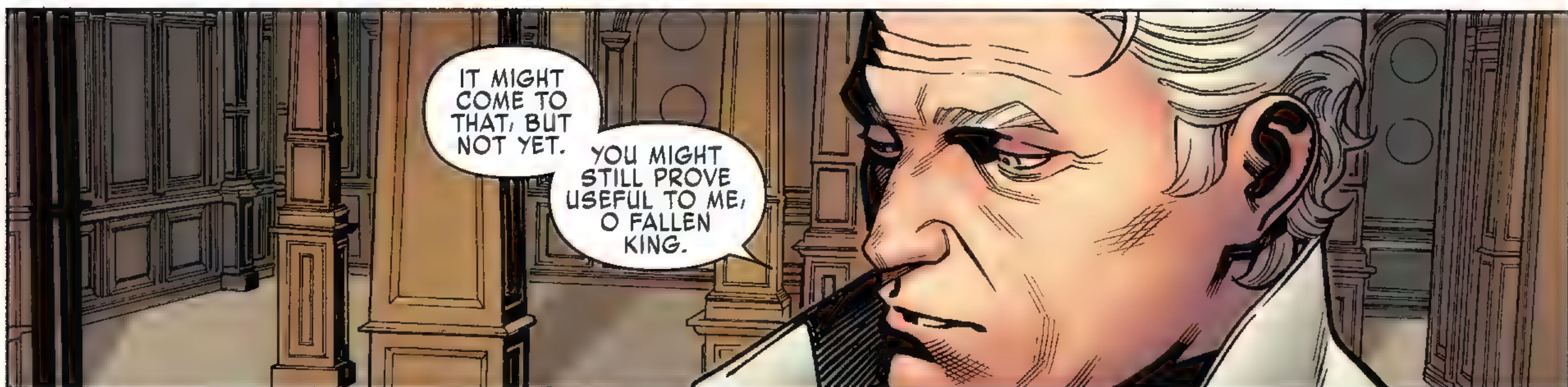
AND WHILE YOU MIGHT DESERVE SUCH A FATE, OTHERS DO NOT.



I COULD KILL YOU.

I COULD PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY.

AND I'D GUESS YOU'D THANK ME WITH YOUR DYING BREATH.



IT MIGHT COME TO THAT, BUT NOT YET.

YOU MIGHT STILL PROVE USEFUL TO ME, O FALLEN KING.



PUH-
PLEASE.



YOUR MASTERS, SHAW.

THOSE WHO HOLD THE REINS ON MOTHERVINE.

I WANT TO MEET WITH THEM.



OH, YOU'RE
A FEISTY ONE,
AREN'T YOU,
HON'?

<THE RAKSHA
ARE NOT SO EASILY
BESTED, TRAITOR; NOT
WHILE ONE OF US
YET STANDS!>*

<MY
DARKFORCE
GIFT IS MORE
THAN ENOUGH
TO-->

AAACK!

*TRANSLATED
FROM MANDARIN.

N-NORIO!
N-NO!



YEEEEAAAGGH!



SNAP!

KR-KRAK!

SNAP!



I'M
SORRY.
WERE
YOU SAYING
SOMETHING?



LET HIM
GO!

EH?



WHAT?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

YOU CAN'T BE HERE--

YOU GET INSIDE MY HEAD, I GET INSIDE YOURS.

SEEMS LIKE A FAIR TRADE TO ME.

BUT THIS ISN'T HAPPENING. I WON'T LET IT. NOT AGAIN.



YOU CALL YOURSELF MALICE?

YOU'RE **NOTHING** COMPARED TO THE MONSTER I DEALT WITH BEFORE.

NOTHING.

AND IF THERE'S ONE THING THAT ENCOUNTER LEFT ME WITH...

KRK!

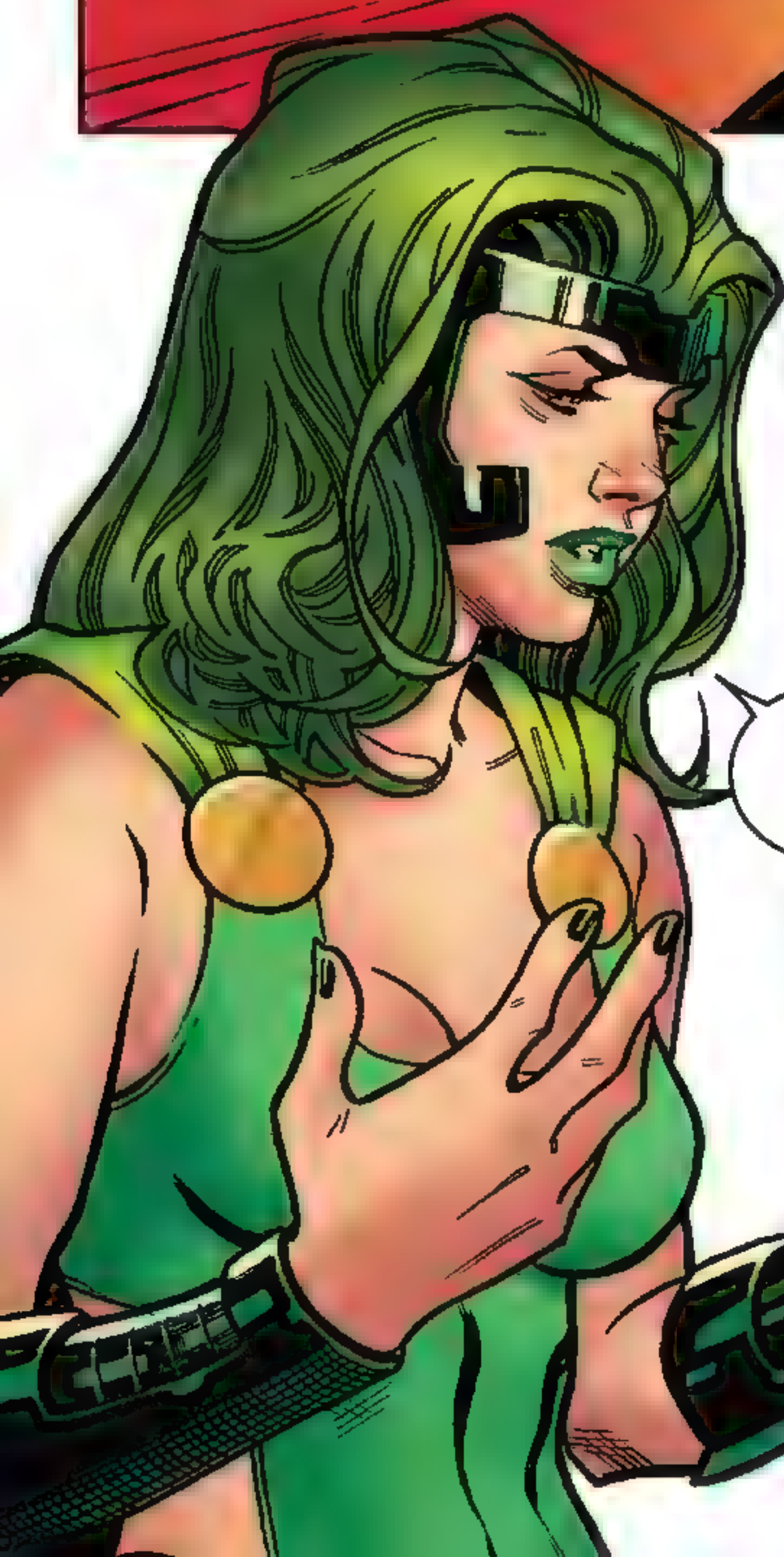
...IT'S THE STRENGTH TO STAND UP TO THIS KIND OF CONTROL.



THE WILL...THE DESIRE...

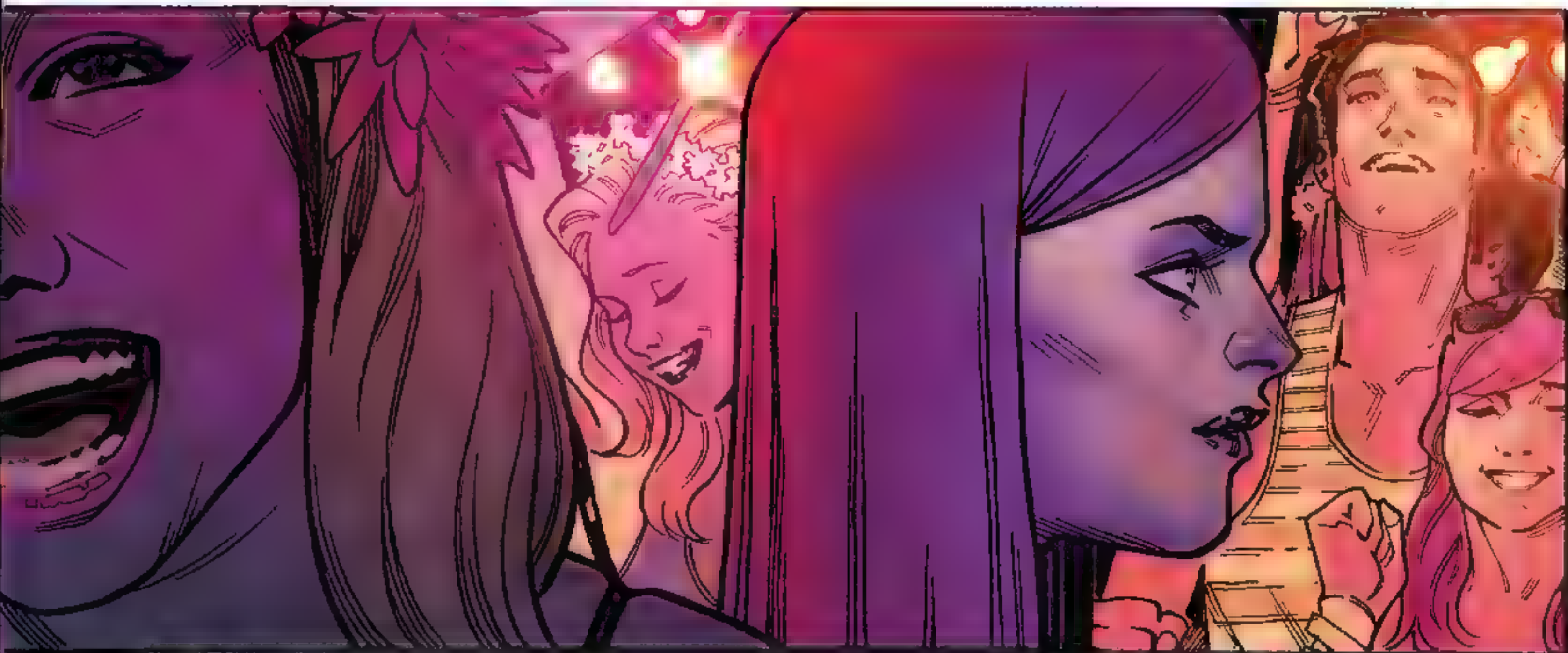
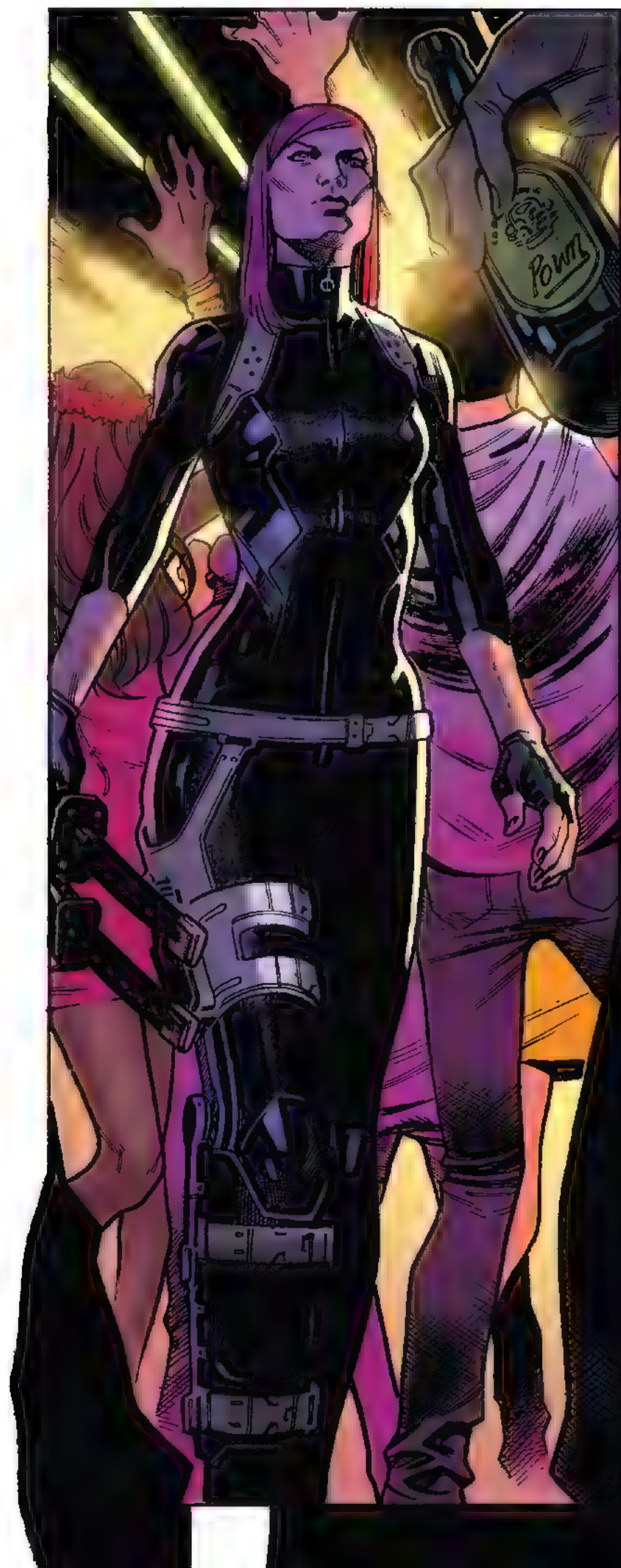
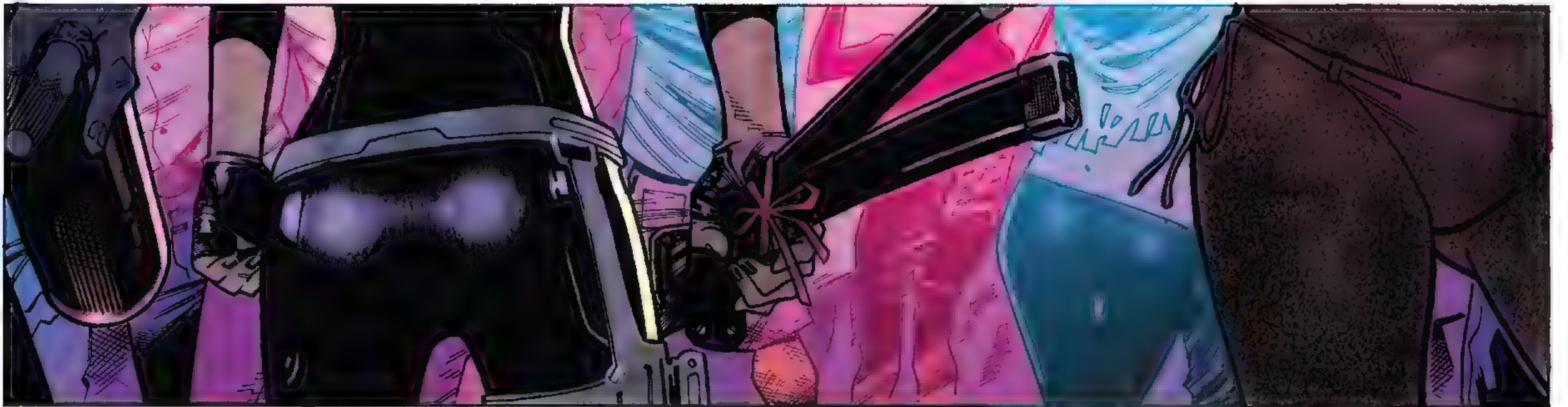
**KRA--
VASSH!**

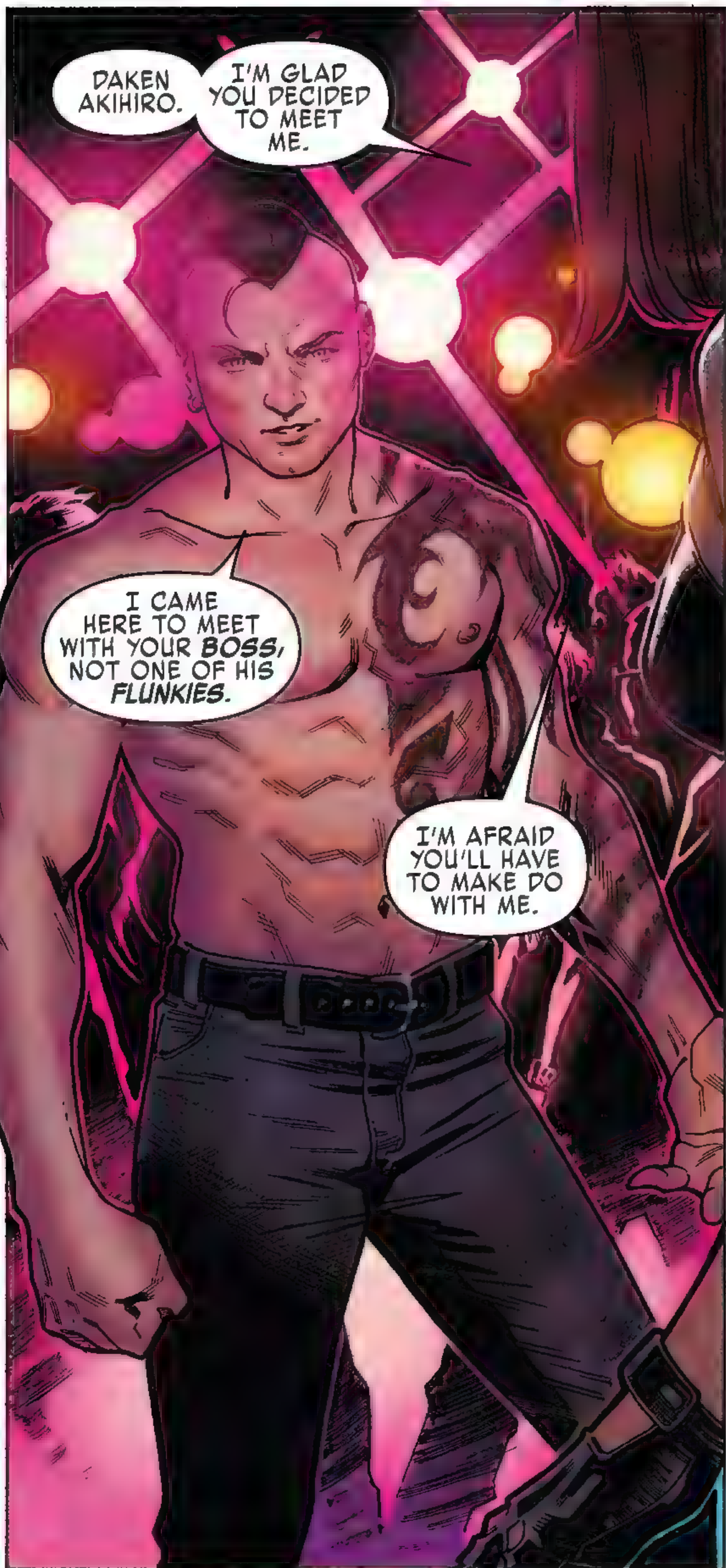
...TO MAKE SURE I NEVER LET ANYONE USE ME LIKE THAT AGAIN!



I... DID IT.

I'M FREE.



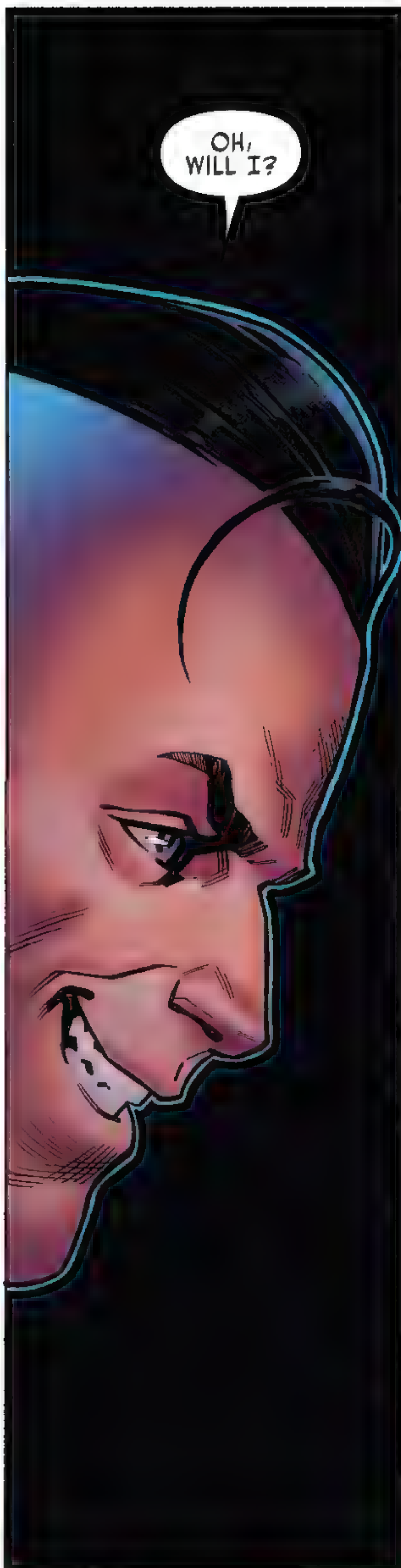


DAKEN AKIHIRO.

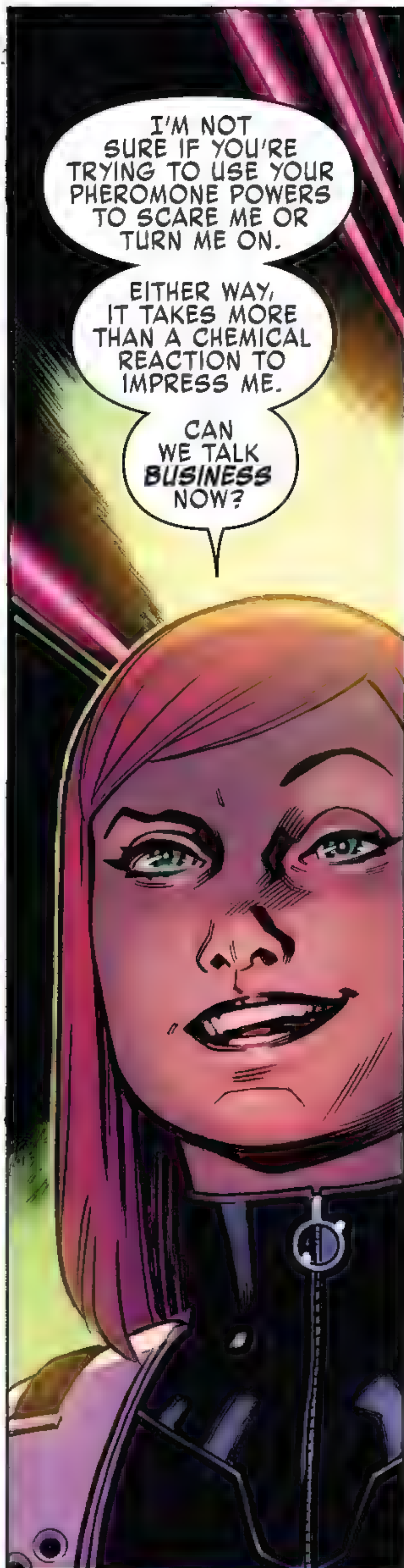
I'M GLAD YOU DECIDED TO MEET ME.

I CAME HERE TO MEET WITH YOUR **BOSS**, NOT ONE OF HIS **FLUNKIES**.

I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH ME.



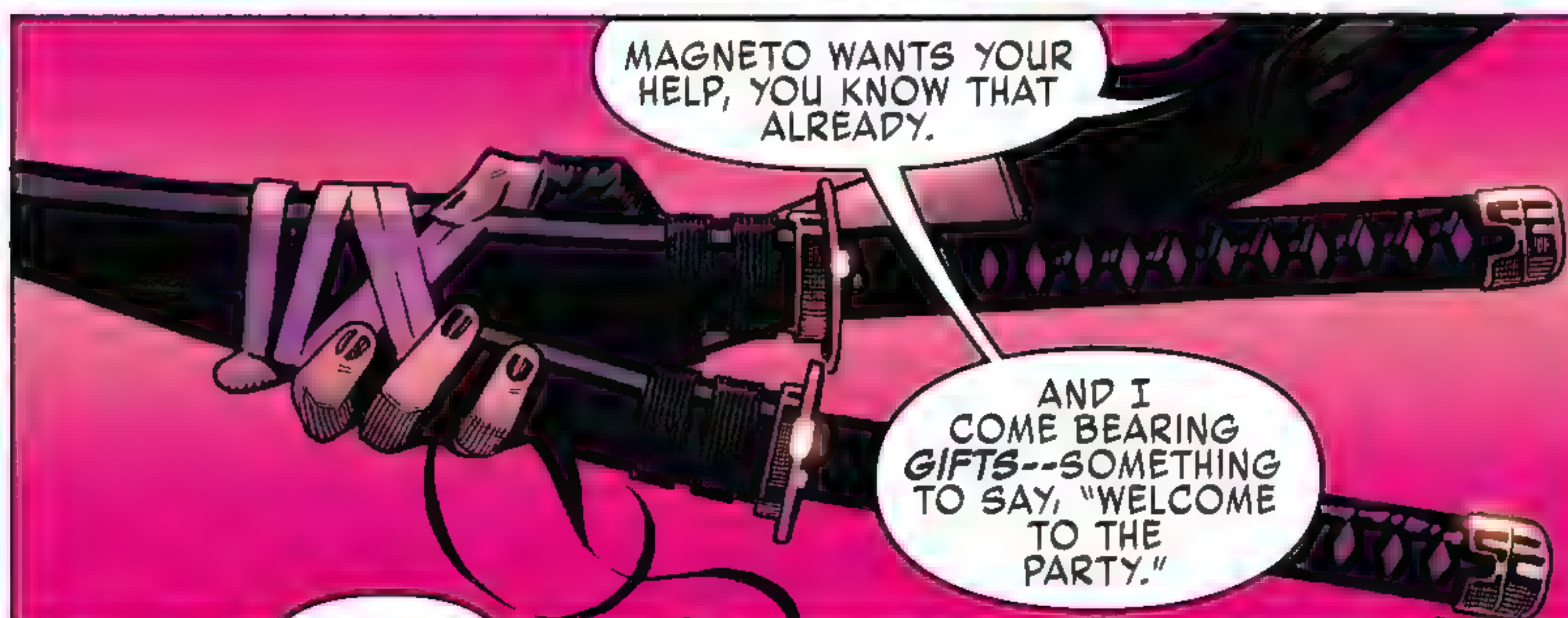
OH, WILL I?



I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'RE TRYING TO USE YOUR PHEROMONE POWERS TO SCARE ME OR TURN ME ON.

EITHER WAY, IT TAKES MORE THAN A CHEMICAL REACTION TO IMPRESS ME.

CAN WE TALK **BUSINESS** NOW?



MAGNETO WANTS YOUR HELP, YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY.

AND I COME BEARING **GIFTS**--SOMETHING TO SAY, "WELCOME TO THE PARTY."



THESE BLADES, THEY'RE--

ADAMANTIUM.

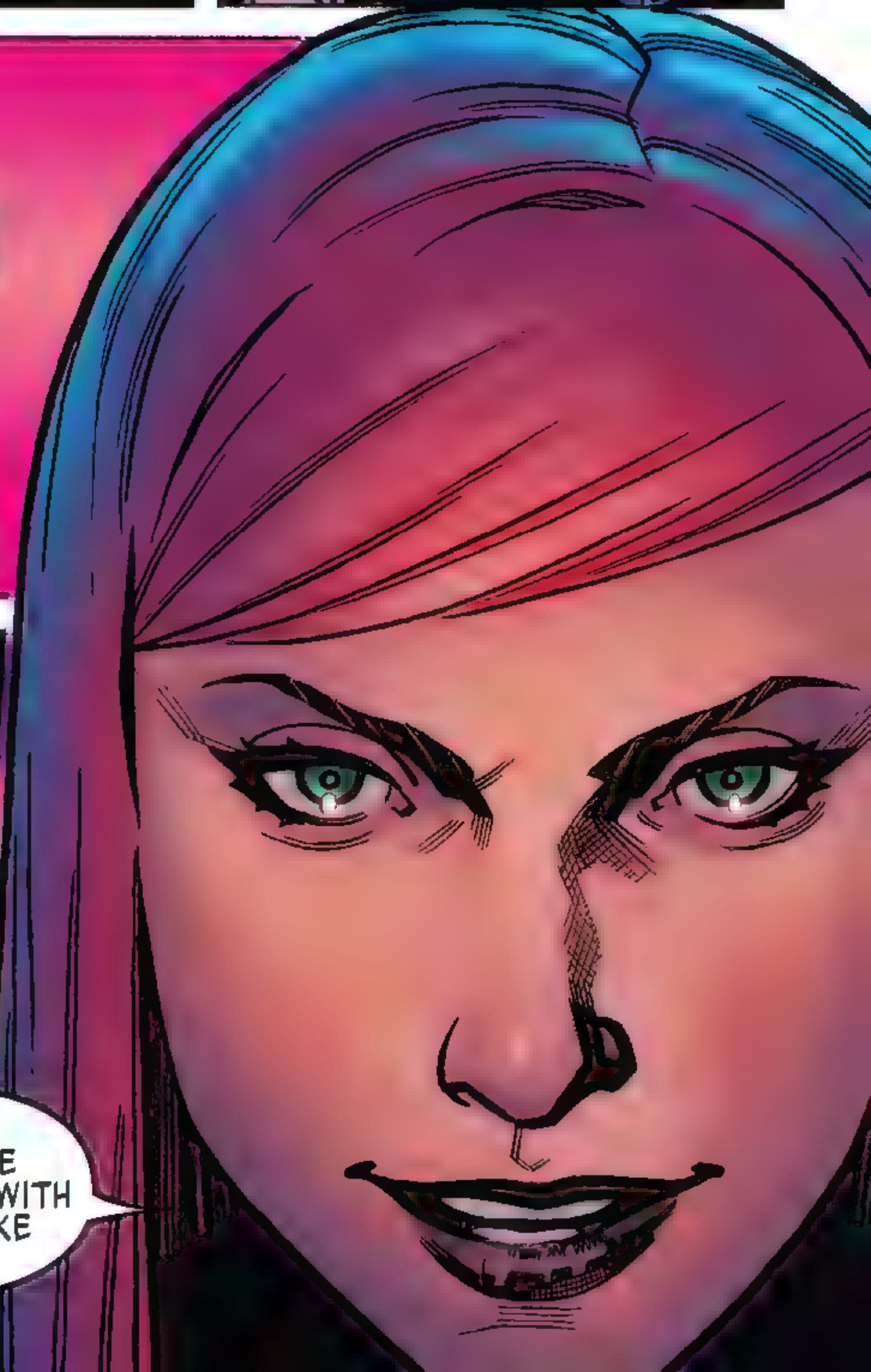
PURCHASED BY ME ON THE BLACK MARKET, SHAPED BY MAGNETO HIMSELF.

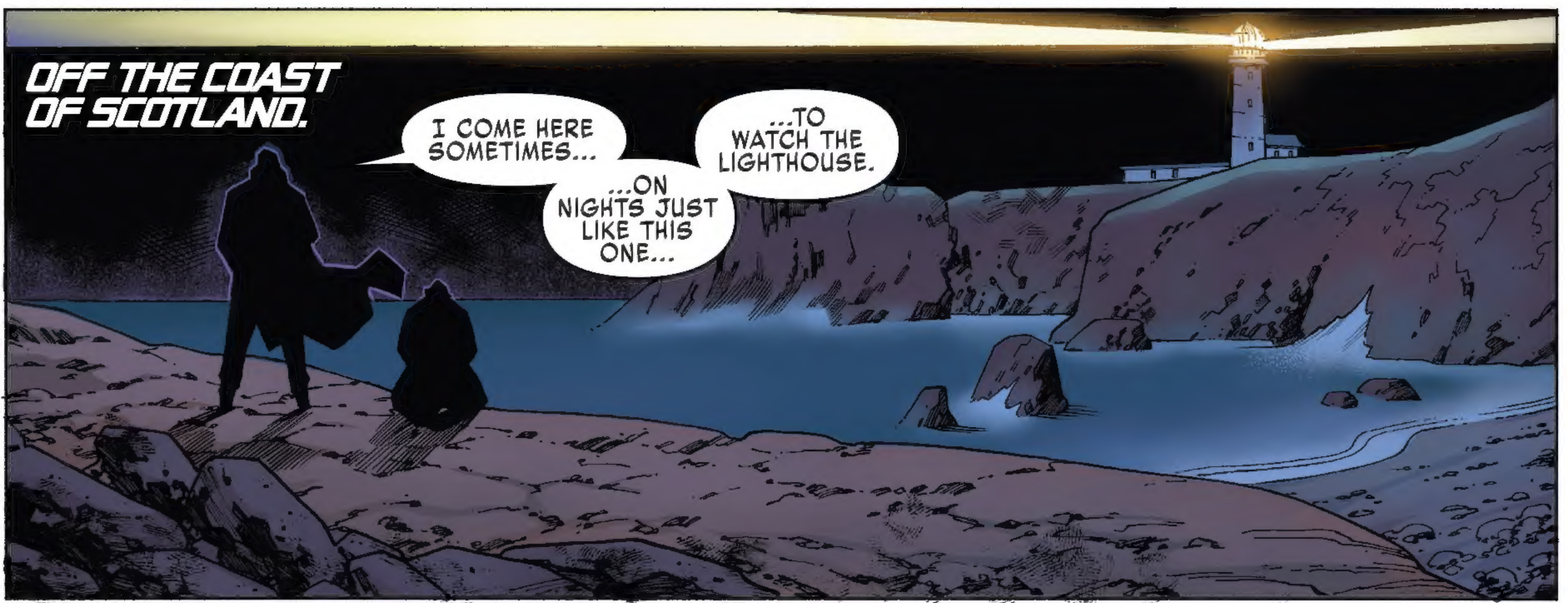
AND HE WANTS ME TO WIELD THEM IN HIS NAME?

WE WANT YOU TO PUT THOSE SWORDS TO **GOOD** USE.

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU HAD A GREAT POTENTIAL FOR **MAYHEM**.

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU DO WITH WEAPONS LIKE THOSE.





OFF THE COAST
OF SCOTLAND.

I COME HERE
SOMETIMES...

...ON
NIGHTS JUST
LIKE THIS
ONE...

...TO
WATCH THE
LIGHTHOUSE.

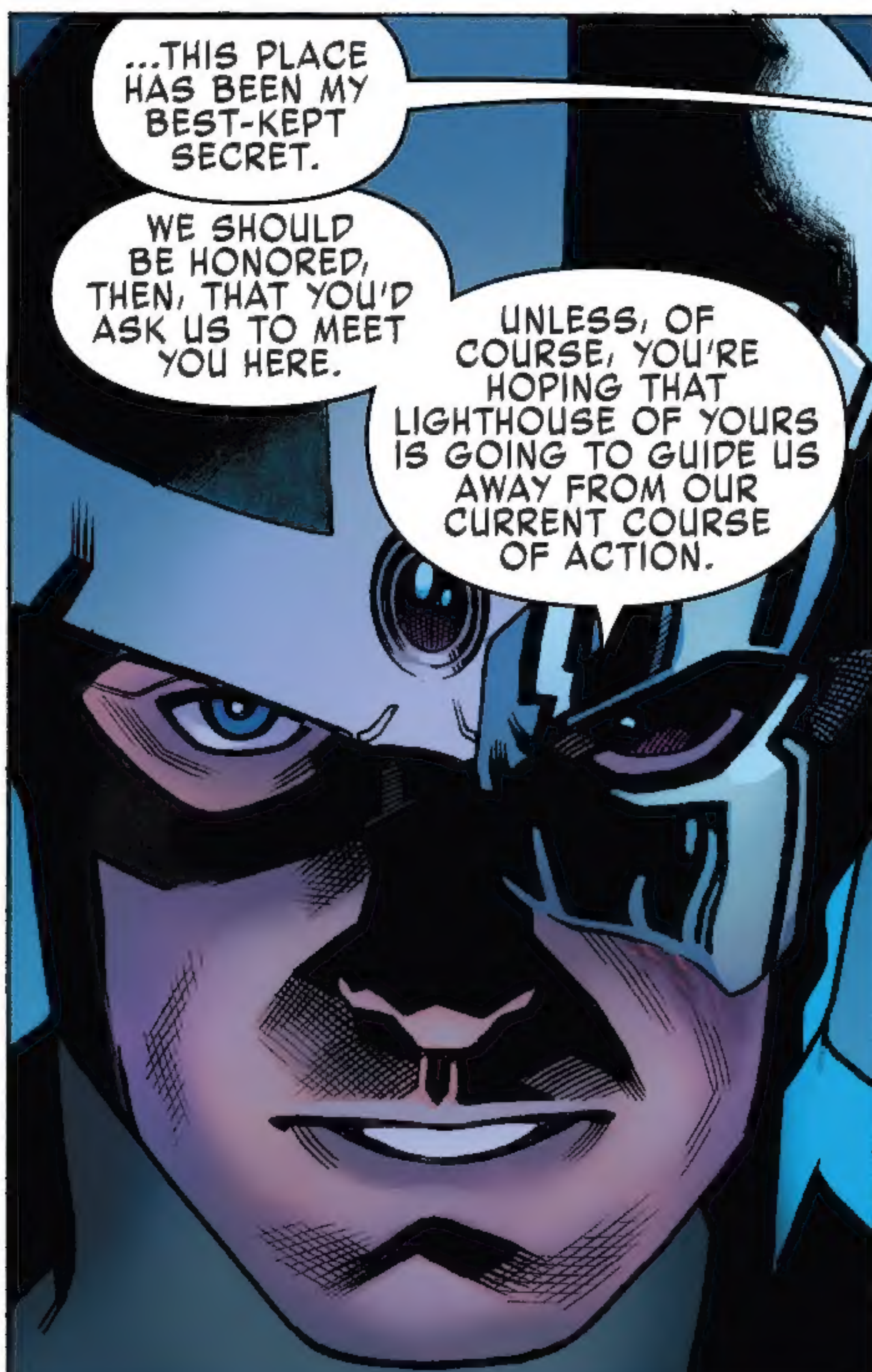


MAYBE I'M
HOPING FOR
DIRECTION.

MAYBE THE
GLOW WILL GUIDE
ME TO SAFE HARBOR
THE WAY IT HAS
GUIDED SO MANY
SHIPS.



OUT OF
ALL MY SECRET
BASES, HIDDEN
SAFE HOUSES
AND CLANDESTINE
MEETING
PLACES...



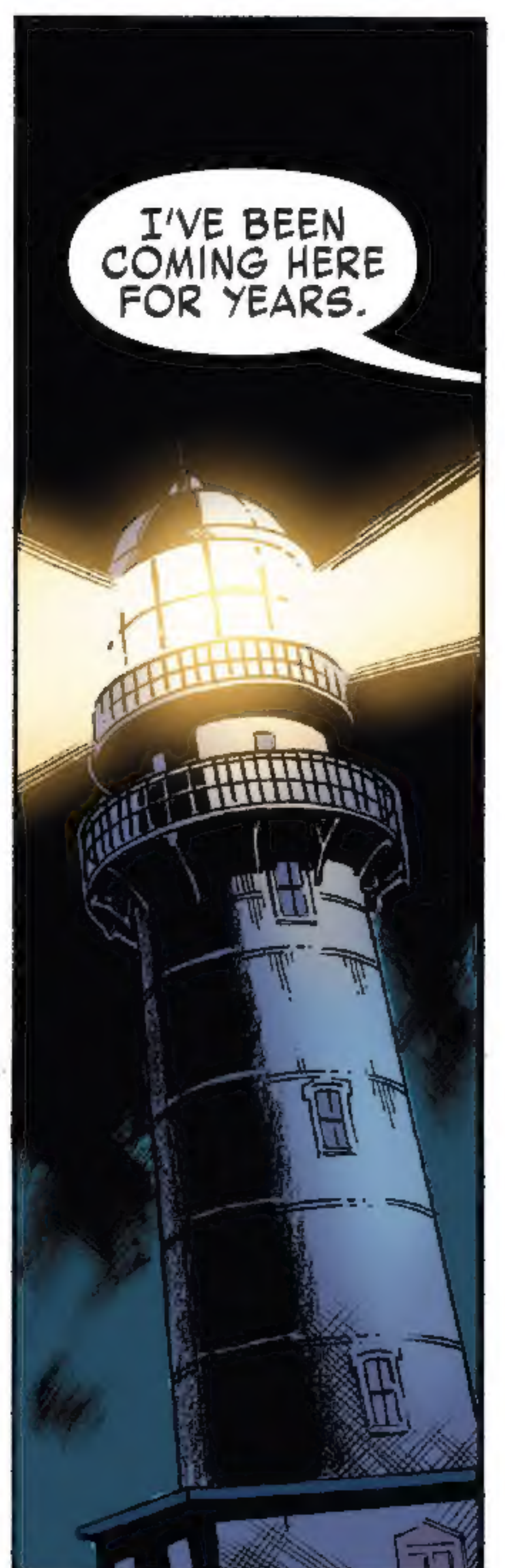
...THIS PLACE
HAS BEEN MY
BEST-KEPT
SECRET.

WE SHOULD
BE HONORED,
THEN, THAT YOU'D
ASK US TO MEET
YOU HERE.

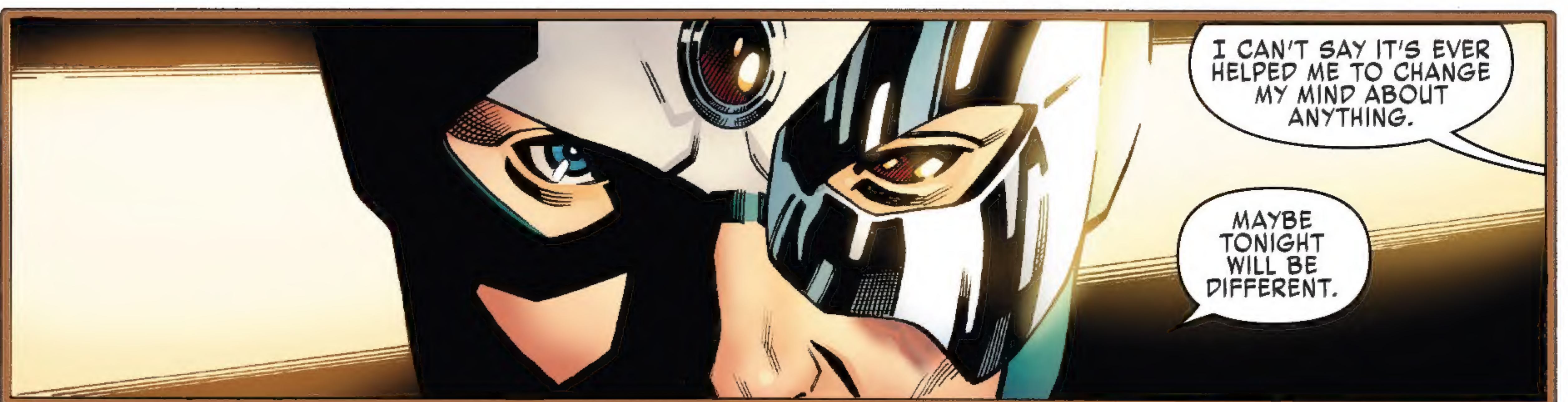
UNLESS, OF
COURSE, YOU'RE
HOPING THAT
LIGHTHOUSE OF YOURS
IS GOING TO GUIDE US
AWAY FROM OUR
CURRENT COURSE
OF ACTION.



NO,
HAVOK.



I'VE BEEN
COMING HERE
FOR YEARS.



I CAN'T SAY IT'S EVER
HELPED ME TO CHANGE
MY MIND ABOUT
ANYTHING.

MAYBE
TONIGHT
WILL BE
DIFFERENT.



WE DON'T
NEED TO BE
ENEMIES,
MAGNETO.

WE WANT
THE SAME
THINGS, YOU
AND I.

THE TIME
HAS COME FOR
THE MUTANT RACE TO
RULE OVER THE
FLATSCANS.

IT'S
WITHIN OUR
GRASP.

THAT'S
WHAT SHAW
TRIED TO
TELL ME.

NOW
LOOK AT
HIM.

NNNN.

HE'S NOT THE
ONLY MUTANT TO
SUFFER IN SUCH
A WAY.

I'VE HEARD
REPORTS OF
OTHERS.

THESE
SECONDARY
MUTATIONS OF
YOURS COME WITH
A TERRIBLE
PRICE.

SOME SETBACKS...SOME
ERRORS IN JUDGMENT...
ARE TO BE EXPECTED.
GROWING PAINS.

THE ENDGAME...
WHAT WE'RE GOING
TO ACCOMPLISH...
REMAINS THE
SAME.

MOTHERVINE IS
SO FAR BEYOND
SECONDARY
MUTATIONS.

IT REALLY
IS SOMETHING
AMAZING, MAGNETO,
AND WE WANT YOU
TO BE A PART
OF IT.

AND IF I
REFUSE?

TRUST
ME.

ONCE YOU
FULLY UNDERSTAND
WHAT WE'RE DOING,
YOU WOULDN'T
DARE.

**TO BE
CONTINUED!**

X-MEN

BLUE

IN TWO WEEKS...

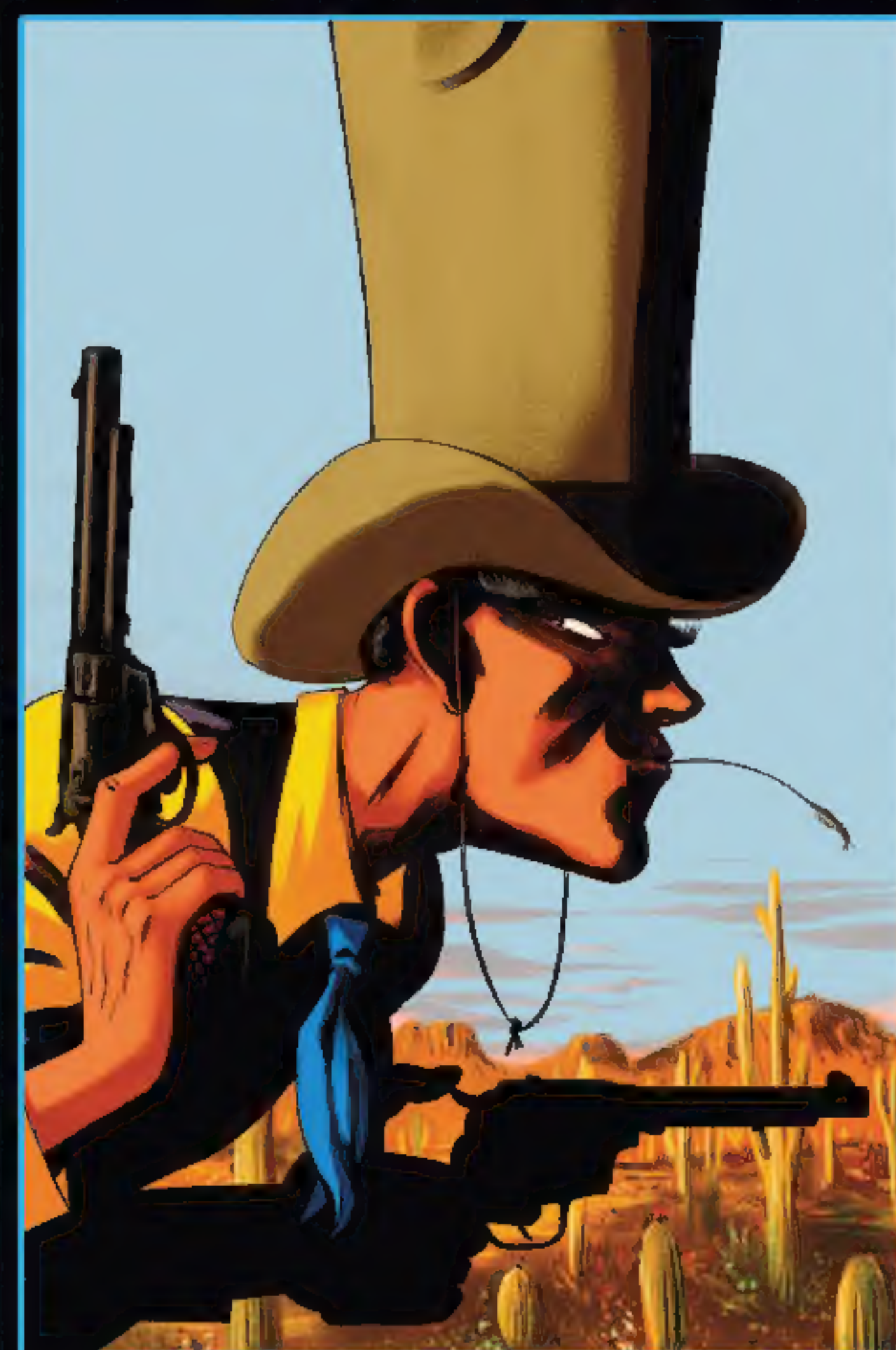
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ON SALE NOW



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NEXT WEEK



WEAPON X #16
IN THREE WEEKS

